

second conductor plug.

38. A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to claim 37, wherein each of said first conductor plugs comprises a tungsten film.

39. A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to claim 38, wherein each of said first conductor plugs comprises a multiplayer film of titanium nitride and tungsten.

40. A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to claim 38, wherein said second semiconductor regions comprise an n-type semiconductor region and a p-type semiconductor.

41. A semiconductor integrated circuit device according to claim 40, wherein said second conductor plug comprises a tungsten film. --

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, previously pending process claims 1-17 have been cancelled and new device claims 18-41 are presented for examination. With regard to this, it is respectfully submitted that claims 18-41 clearly define over

the cited prior art of record, as well as over the prior art (USP 5,519,237) submitted with the attached Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, entry of this amendment and allowance of newly submitted claims 18-41 is respectfully requested.

Prior to examination, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney for purposes of scheduling an interview to discuss the claims submitted by this preliminary amendment. Applicants and the undersigned attorney greatly appreciate the Examiner's courtesy in this regard.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit

account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account
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Respectfully submitted,

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